

ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

8 April 2021

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council to be held **via Zoom video link** on Thursday, 15 April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business. To join the meeting click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89710997459>, or land-line phone dial 0203 695 0088 and follow the instructions, entering meeting number 897 1099 7459.



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Agenda

1. **To consider accepting** the reasons for any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda. Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate in the whole of an agenda item in which they have an Interest. In the interests of transparency, Members may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an agenda item, in support of the seven Nolan Principles, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.
3. **To consider** any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on an agenda item in spite of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
4. **Public participation session.** The Council's Standing Orders allow members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This session should not exceed 20 minutes, and members of the public are requested to keep their comments brief. Please note that the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law at this meeting unless the item is already included on the published agenda. It can, though, place the matter on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting. **NOTE:** To include Mr. Duncan Francis, Director of Crematorium Division, CVS (UK) Ltd, talking about a proposed development of a Pet and Equine Crematorium on Roudham Road.
5. **To confirm** and **sign** the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18 February 2021.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [9] **Maintaining the option of virtual meetings.** The Chief of Staff to Liz Truss MP has responded saying, "Please be assured that Liz has raised parish councils (*sic*) concerns with ministers at MHCLG."
7. **To receive** of the following correspondence.
 - 7.1. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 26 February 2021.
 - 7.2. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 30 January - 26 February 2021.
 - 7.3. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 30 January - 26 February 2021.
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and to decide on comments to be made where necessary.
 - 8.1. **3PL/2021/0052/F: Briar Lodge, Roudham Road.** Proposed Erection of 2 No Single Storey Dwellings with Detached Garages as well as removal of existing Mobile Out Building. **To receive** refusal of Planning Permission.

- 8.2. **3PL/2021/0295/F: The Angel Inn, Access Road to the Angel Inn, Larling.** Oak framed freestanding pergola for outside dining area. **To note** that, after consultation with members the Council used his delegated powers to respond “No objections”.
- 8.3. **3PL/2020/0719/F: Cherry Trees, Watton Road, Larling.** Proposed residential development of 3 dwellings with parking. **To receive** Planning Permission dated 5 March 2021.
- 8.4. **3PL/2021/0185/HOU: Bryony Harling Road, Roudham.** Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed replacement of this with a garden room. **To note** that, after consultation with members the Council used his delegated powers to respond “No objections”.
9. **To consider** arranging for the purchase and installation of a community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) at a suitable location in the parish.
10. **To receive** notice from Luke Hall MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government stating that the Government has decided not to bring forward emergency legislation to extend the regulations permitting virtual meetings from 7 May 2021. This is despite,
 - 10.1. Coronavirus full page Government newspaper adverts stating, “Every online meeting is making a difference”;
 - 10.2. letters being sent to people previously advised to shield, stating, “It is important that you continue to keep the number of social interactions that you have low”;
 - 10.3. the route-map out of lockdown saying that organised indoor meetings (and therefore the opening of village halls) will not be permitted until 17 May at the earliest;
 - 10.4. Scottish local authorities having had express provision to meet remotely prior to the pandemic, and the Welsh Government having since passed legislation coming into force on 1 May and makes express indefinite provision for Welsh local authorities to meet remotely;
 - 10.5. MPs being able to continue to attend the House of Commons remotely until 21 June; and
 - 10.6. The Speaker having announced that House of Commons Select Committees are to continue meeting virtually until 17 September.
11. **To note** that Local Government lawyers have asked the High Court to rule that, as there is nothing in current legislation that actually debars Councils from meeting virtually, no changes are required and that virtual meetings are legally permitted under existing laws. The Court has agreed that this case will be fast-tracked, and a decision is expected by the end of April.
12. **To consider** (in case it is deemed not to be legal to hold meetings virtually from 7 May onwards) rescheduling the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to a day and time between 1-6 May inclusive. (This meeting must be held on a day in May.)
13. **To consider** (in case it is deemed not to be legal to hold meetings virtually from 7 May onwards, and as it may well be impossible on occasions to, (a) find a suitable place for the Council to meet physically, or (b) to muster a quorum at such a meeting as a result of Coronavirus concerns) delegating all decisions on any matter where delegation is legally possible to the Clerk, and **to agree** any necessary conditions relating to consulting members.
14. **To note** that the Government has issued a 12-week “Call for evidence” relating to virtual meetings, and **to agree** that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council asking for Parish Councils to have the power to take this decision in relation to all future meetings, so that this option exists, whether or not the Council at the time decides to make use of it.
15. **To review** the contents of the Asset Register, and **to agree** the valuations for insurance purposes.
16. **To review** the Risk Assessment.
17. **To carry out** the Annual Review of the system of internal control.

18. **Finance.**

18.1. **To approve** payment of £140.72 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils, in settlement of their invoice no. 4811, being the membership subscription for 2021-22.

18.2. To note receipt of the following credits:

18.2.1. Breckland Council - Precept - £2,500 - 7 April 2021.

18.3. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.

19. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.

20. **To confirm** the date of the next Meeting as **Thursday, 20 May 2021**, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom video link.

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 15 April 2021

Thursday, 19 August 2021

Thursday, 16 December 2021

Thursday, 20 May 2021

Thursday, 16 September 2021

Thursday, 20 January 2022

Thursday, 17 June 2021

Thursday, 21 October 2021

Thursday, 17 February 2022

Thursday, 15 July 2021

Thursday, 18 November 2021

Thursday, 17 March 2022

Note: Meetings will only be called if there is business to discuss which cannot wait until the following scheduled meeting date.